Appendix I:

Wisconsin RLF Application Letters of Support



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Darsi Foss – RR/3 Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources PO Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707 October 24, 2006

Dear Ms Foss:

To follow up on your letter of October 17th, I am writing to express the interest of the City of Delavan to become a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition (WBC).

By joining the WBC, Delavan will be helping other Wisconsin communities clean up and redevelop brownfields. I understand that there is no obligation on our part to do anything other than to: (1) support additional applications for BRLF funds, and (2) advise local communities that they may apply for EPA funding.

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Delavan looks forward to our continuing work with you.

Sincerely,

Voe Salitros

City Administrator



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Jim Doyle, Governor Mary P. Burke, Secretary

November 16, 2006

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Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707 NOV 2 8 2006

REMEDIATION & REDEVELOPMENT

Dear Secretary Hassett:

I am writing to reflect our support of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's – the Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration - application to EPA for a federal brownfields clean-up grant. The Wisconsin Department of Commerce has agreed to continue our membership in the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund. This grant would be administered as a revolving loan fund that would provide sub-grants and no-to-low interest loans to Wisconsin communities to assist in the clean up of their brownfields.

The Department of Commerce recognizes that brownfield projects are opportunities for economic and social redevelopment. As such, the Department has provided over \$50 million in grants in the past eight years to assist communities and businesses in the redevelopment of contaminated properties. The RLF application by the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition represents our goals and enhances our efforts for several reasons:

- It helps local governments take advantage of existing infrastructures.
- It helps protect citizens from environmental pollutants.
- It helps urban centers market themselves as healthy and productive places to work and live.
- It supports sound land use management.

You can be assured that the Department of Commerce will support the Wisconsin Brownfield Coalition. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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November 27, 2006

Ms. Darsi Foss
Brownfields Section
Bureau for Remediation and Redevelopment
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, (RR/3)
P. O. Box 7921
Madison, WI 53707

RE: Wisconsin "Ready of Reuse" Initiative: Leave No Brownfields Behind ~ Additional Funding Request

Dear Ms. Foss:

The City of West Allis is forwarding this letter in support of additional funding being requested for Wisconsin's "Ready for Reuse" Initiative: Leave No Brownfield Behind.

The Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition (WBC) formed to submit the initial application includes the Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources (DNR), Commerce and Administration and with the Wisconsin Regional Planning Commissions as additional coalition members. The WDNR is seeking additional federal funding for this already successful program to continue the investigation and clean up of brownfield properties.

The Remediation and Redevelopment Program, on behalf of the WBC, is applying to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to augment the Wisconsin Brownfield Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). The RLF would add approximately \$3 million to the existing funding that could be used for site assessment and remediation of Brownfields. This fund, administered by DNR for the WBC, would allow local units of government to access the fund in support of brownfield redevelopment in their communities. Governor Doyle's "Grow Wisconsin Initiative" supports the application of the WBC for the RLF and it would meet the goals designed for this initiative by returning Brownfields to active reuse resulting in increased tax base and creation of new jobs.

If successful, the WBC's additional Revolving Loan Funding would be able to provide subgrants and low or no-interest loans to local government units for the redevelopment of

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Brownfields within their communities. Wisconsin's Brownfield Initiative has been very successful in providing tools and access to capital to public and private sector entities to promote brownfield redevelopment. The partnerships developed between local units of government and the private sector for the redevelopment process have leveraged significant private investment and the creation of the RLF would further enhance this goal.

The City of West Allis, a first-ring suburban city, has experienced the loss of significant tax base and jobs as a result of the evolution of the Midwestern near-urban manufacturing communities. By necessity, as a result of this evolution, the City has been very active in creating new tax base and jobs. The redevelopment of Brownfields has been, and will continue to be, a cornerstone of the West Allis plan to improve the quality of life within the City.

The following is a brief description of the City of West Allis specific brownfield redevelopment project that is in the process of completing its application for the use of an RLF could greatly benefit from the potential use of the newly created RLF:

Six Points/Farmers Market Redevelopment Project: The Project is the most extensive urban renewal project ever undertaken by the City of West Allis. The project involves acquisition of 35 properties by the City in a 60-acre area, with pre-development costs estimated in excess of \$13 million and relocation of occupants in accordance with Wisconsin Relocation Law. Current property uses of several of the city blocks involved in the project are primarily industrial, including the 101 Block (the target of the Ready for Reuse application), a 100 year old manufacturing facility, steel finishing and fabricating, door manufacturing, industrial equipment warehousing, and scrap yard/salvage operations. Historical uses also include fuel storage and supply, a ready mix concrete plant, concrete product manufacturing, and a metals foundry and smeltering shop. Other areas of the Six Points project comprise a large block of mostly small properties. These smaller properties historically have been occupied by two- or three-story wood framed buildings, typically housing a tavern or restaurant on the ground floor, and rooms for rent or apartments in upper stories. The project contains numerous Brownfields and the City is using many of the Wisconsin Brownfield Initiative tools to assist with the redevelopment effort. The private leverage created by this project is potentially in excess of \$50 million and includes commercial redevelopment, much needed housing and significant job creation. The City is seeking a revolving loan in excess of \$1,000,000 from the WDNR Ready for Reuse program. The funds would assist with the soil remediation required at the project and add to the public/private partnership, which includes the State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and Department of Commerce, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the private sector.

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West Allis has been recognized for its innovative participation in Brownfield redevelopment by creating public/private partnerships and leveraging the public funding with private sector capital. The State of Wisconsin has a demonstrated successful use of the initial funding of the Ready for Reuse program and need for the additional funding. The City enthusiastically supports the WBC's application to the EPA for the current request for additional funding of the state wide revolving loan fund and requests that the Wisconsin Brownfield Coalition application be funded.

Sincerely, Bell Jeannette Bell

Jeannette Bell

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Director, Department of Development



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November 30, 2006

Jessica Milz Marketing Specialist Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources P.O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921

RE: State Applications to the EPA Brownfield Grant Program

Dear Ms. Milz:

We would like to express our support of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and its partners in submitting applications to the EPA Brownfield Grant Program. Investing and maintaining a sufficiently funded brownfields programs is important to the state's economy, particularly in the form of job creation and retention, business expansion, and property valuation. Without the support of brownfield programs, numerous environmentally impaired properties throughout the state would remain underutilized or abandoned.

Sincerely,

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Wisconsin Counties Association

November 21, 2006

Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921

Dear Secretary Hassett:

I am writing to express the support of the Wisconsin Counties Association for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WI DNR) application to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for a federal brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant. This grant would be administered by WI DNR as part of the Ready for Reuse Grant & Loan Program that provides funding to Wisconsin communities to help them clean up brownfields.

Brownfields are a significant obstacle in regaining Wisconsin's environmental and economic health. These abandoned, idle or underused properties can face many hurdles to redevelopment, and the first of these is the stigma of contamination. The WI DNR's grant would be used to clean up environmental contamination in areas where pollutants have been identified as a problem. After cleanup, brownfields can be redeveloped so that growth occurs within "downtown" communities rather than sprawling into green spaces on the edges of towns.

The RLF application by the WI DNR is a good fit with our organization's goals for several reasons:

- it supports sound land use management;
- it helps local governments take advantage of existing infrastructures;
- it helps protect citizens from environmental pollutants; and
- it helps urban centers market themselves as healthy and productive places to work and live.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 608.663.7188.

Sincerely,

Matthew Stohr

Legislative Associate

cc: Darsi Foss, DNR RR/3

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COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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Mr. Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 S. Webster Street P.O. Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921

Scott Dear Secretary Hassett:

On behalf of the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center, I am writing to once again formally support the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) application to the US Environmental Protection Agency for a Federal Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant. We understand that this grant would be administered by the DNR as part of its Ready for Reuse Grant & Loan Program, and will provide funding to communities across our state to help them clean up brownfield properties.

We know first hand the negative effects of having brownfields in the neighborhoods we serve on the south side of Milwaukee. These abandoned, underused or idle properties can face many hurdles to redevelopment. If left in their current condition, these properties will remain a significant obstacle to regaining Wisconsin's environmental and economic health and prosperity.

The US Environmental Protection Agency's support of the DNR's application would play an important role in cleaning up environmental contamination in areas where pollutants have been identified as a problem. After cleanup, brownfields can be redeveloped so that new economic growth occurs within communities such as ours that already have significant investments in infrastructure, and it would help reduce the pressures that contribute to sprawling development on the edges of cities and towns.

The Department's Revolving Loan Fund application is a good fit for our organization's goals for cleaning up and restoring neighborhoods and enabling our city to be a healthy and productive place to live, work and recreate. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (414) 672-1315, extension 154.

Sincerely,

Peter V. McAvoy

Vice President, Environmental Health



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November 28, 2006

Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921

Dear Secretary Hassett:

The League of Wisconsin Municipalities, representing 575 cities and villages across Wisconsin, supports the request of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for a federal brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant. The grant would be administered by DNR as part of the Ready for Reuse Grant & Loan Program, which helps our communities clean up brownfields.

We all know that brownfields are a significant obstacle to economic development. After cleanup, former brownfields can be returned to productive use so that growth occurs within our existing communities, rather than sprawling into green spaces.

The Revolving Loan Fund application by the WI DNR makes good sense for several reasons:

- · it supports sound land use management;
- it helps local governments take advantage of existing infrastructures;
- it helps protect citizens from environmental pollutants; and
- it helps urban centers market themselves as healthy places to live and work.

Thank you for giving me this opportunity to comment on the Department's grant application to the EPA. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Dan Thompson

Executive Director



Department of City Development

Housing Authority
Redevelopment Authority
City Plan Commission
Historic Preservation Commission
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Rocky Marcoux Commissioner

Martha L. Brown Deputy Commissioner

November 28, 2006

Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources PO Box 7921 Madison WI 53707-7921

RE: DNR Grant Applications for the EPA Brownfield Funds

Dear Scott,

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Milwaukee (RACM) supports the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant application to the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for assessment activities and a Revolving Loan Fund program. These funds will be used to support the Governor's Urban Reinvestment Initiative in economically and environmentally distressed areas.

The EPA funds will be used to assess brownfields in Milwaukee's 30th Street Industrial Corridor. The 30th Street Corridor is approximately five miles long and includes industrial, commercial, and residential uses. In the past, large and small manufacturing operations, including foundries, tanneries, breweries, and motor manufacturers, thrived and employed nearly 40 percent of neighborhood residents. The factory buildings remain, but a majority of the manufacturing jobs are gone. This neighborhood is one of Wisconsin's most economically distressed with more than one-third of the families living below the poverty level and an unemployment rate of 18%.

The goal for the Urban Redevelopment Initiative is to return properties back to the neighborhood for productive uses as industrial, commercial, residential or mixed use facilities. These projects will hopefully be a catalyst for additional public, private & non-profit reinvestment in the neighborhood. Redevelopment has taken place in several areas within and adjacent to the Corridor. The area has all the advantages of an urban area: a concentrated population, established transportation corridors and proximity to Lake Michigan and Chicago. EPA assessment funds along with other grant and tax credit programs can help fund redevelopment of properties that can be assessed, cleaned up and redeveloped spurring jobs, an increased tax base, safer neighborhoods, and enhanced aesthetics which often have a spillover effect on adjoining properties.

The City has committed its support to the Governor's Urban Reinvestment Initiative and the cleanup and redevelopment of the 30th Street Corridor. We believe the use of EPA funds to assist in the assessment, cleanup and redevelopment for the 30th Street Corridor will have many benefits to the local community.

Sincerely,

del Brennan

Assistant Executive Director-Secretary



Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission

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Mark A. Walter, Executive Director

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Scott Hassett, Secretary
Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921
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Dear Secretary Hassett:

We are writing to once again support the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC) application to EPA for a federal brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant. The Bay-Lake Regional Planning Commission, representing Brown, Door, Florence, Kewaunee, Manitowoc, Marinette, Oconto and Sheboygan counties is formally agreeing to continue as a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). This grant would be administered by DNR as part of the Ready for Reuse Grant & Loan Program that provides funding to Wisconsin communities to help them clean up brownfields.

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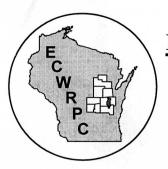
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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (920) 448-2820.

Sincerely.

Mark A. Walter Executive Director



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Mr. Scott Hassett, Secretary Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 S. Webster Street Madison, WI. 53707

Dear Secretary Hassett:

The East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission is an enthusiastic supporter of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) program because we have seen the powerful impact it can have on revitalizing our partner communities. The ability to clean up contaminated sites and brownfields is an integral and crucial tool in the success of our economic development, and redevelopment efforts. With the help of the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund provided by the EPA and administered by the Wisconsin DNR, the "Ready for Reuse Grant and Loan Program" has cleaned up idle, underutilized or abandoned properties turning them into productive tax base providing new jobs, while also protecting the health of surrounding residents. A recent example of this are the brownfield grants that were given to the City of Oshkosh which helped to clean up some of the nearly 200 brownfields in the central city and the Fox River area. These funds acted as a catalyst, creating opportunity and spurring millions of dollars of new waterfront redevelopment for the community and the region.

The East Central Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) is pleased to be a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition (WBC), working closely with the Wisconsin Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration, to endorse a common application to EPA for a federal brownfields cleanup grant, because the program has a demonstrated track record of past success. The ECWRPC which represents the counties of Calumet, Menominee, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago is formally agreeing to continue as a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF).

As a comprehensive planning agency we recognize that the Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) is consistent with our regional planning goals in several respects:

- It helps local governments to protect their citizens from environmental health threats
- It allows local governments to make better use of existing infrastructure
- It supports sound land use management practices
- It assists urban centers with marketing themselves as healthy and productive places to live, work and recreate, thereby supporting our urban economies.

Member Counties: Calumet Menominee Outagamie Shawano Waupaca Waushara Winnebago

We look forward to working with you and the Department of Natural Resources staff on this important initiative. If you have any questions please feel free to contact myself, or Ed Kleckner / Community Development Planner at (920) 751-4770. Thank You.

Sincerely,

Walt Raith / Assistant Director

cc: Darsi Foss, DNR RR/3

Eric Fowle, Executive Director

Ed Kleckner, Community Development Planner/Urban Christine Kaup, Community Development Planner/Rural

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Dear Secretary Hassett:

We are again writing to support the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC) application to EPA for a federal brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant. The North Central Wisconsin Planning Commission, representing Adams, Forest, Juneau. Langlade, Lincoln, Marathon, Oneida, Portage, Vilas and Wood Counties is formally agreeing to continue as a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF). This grant would be administered by DNR as part of the Ready for Reuse Grant & Loan Program that provides funding to Wisconsin communities to help them clean up brownfields.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (715) 849-5510, Extension 304, or at dlawrence@ncwrpc.org.

Sincerely

Dennis Lawrence, AICP Executive Director



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November 7, 2006

Secretary Scott Hassett Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources 101 South Webster Street, Box 7921 Madison, WI 53707-7921

Dear Secretary Hassett:

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We are writing to once again support the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC) application to EPA for a federal brownfields Revolving Loan Fund grant. The Northwest Regional Planning Commission, representing Ashland, Bayfield, Burnett, Douglas, Iron, Price, Rusk, Sawyer, Taylor, and Washburn Counties is formally agreeing to become a member of the Wisconsin Brownfield Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) This grant would be administered by DNR as part of the Ready for Reuse Grant & Loan Program that provides funding to Wisconsin communities to help them clean up Brownfields.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 715/635-2197.

Sincerely,

Myron Schuster Executive Director

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 262-547-6721.

Sincerely,

Philip C. Evenson **Executive Director**

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We are writing once again in support of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition's (WBC) – the Departments of Natural Resources, Commerce and Administration - application to EPA for a federal brownfields clean-up grant. The Southwestern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, representing Grant, Green Iowa, Lafayette, and Richland Counties, is formally agreeing to continue as a member of the Wisconsin Brownfields Coalition for the purpose of applying for the EPA Brownfields Revolving Loan Fund (RLF) This grant would be administered by DNR as part of the Ready for Reuse Grant & Loan Program that provides funding to Wisconsin communities to help them clean up their brownfields.

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If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 608-342-1713.

Sincerely,

Lawrence T. Ward

Executive Diffector, Southwestern Wisconsin Regional

Planning Commission

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